

you realize it or not, it is one of the fastest growing businesses in this state and in the nation, particularly in terms of individuals they employ and one other illusion I would dispel is the fact that foreign corporations all ready have this privilege. Ramada Inns, all those people come in here, build, and virtually without contest they receive a license. So we are not giving the foreigners any rights they don't all ready possess. All we are saying that if you are a domestic business, proven good management, you will have the right to apply for this license and the Control Commission can grant it with the advice and consent of the local jurisdiction. I ask for your support in approving LB 58 and reconsidering it.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

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SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in support of Senator Koch in his efforts. I believe that this bill will be a benefit, particularly in the rural areas and more and more we are seeing restaurants spring up in the rural areas and good restaurants. I believe, as according to Senator Koch's testimony here this morning, they do have to meet the requirements and go through the process before they are granted that license but I believe that it will be a benefit to our rural areas as well and I support his efforts to reconsider our action.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fitzgerald, did you turn your light off?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, Senator Koch asked the question. I wanted to find out how they were going to acquire these licenses, if they were going to acquire them by the Liquor Commission are going to come out and acquire them in competitive buying in the City of Omaha? Would you answer that question for me, Senator.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Fitzgerald, the business would apply directly to the Liquor Control Commission for this license. Then the Control Commission would ask Omaha or whatever city involved whether or not they felt this license should be granted in good faith. That is the way the license would be acquired but these people, even if they could buy one of those licenses you are talking about for a lot of blue sky, twenty five or forty thousand dollars, under the present law couldn't do it because they cannot hold more than two licenses, period, which causes them in some cases then to